



Weekly Update for May 14, 2008

May is National Museum Month

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."
~Booker T. Washington

Volunteer Bloomington!

Summer Wildlife Care Volunteers

Help Indiana's native wildlife! **Wildcare Inc.** is looking for volunteers interested in helping to care for wildlife at their center during the summer. Training is provided and no prior experience is necessary. Volunteers help with hands-on care of wildlife including birds, squirrels, rabbits, reptiles, raccoons, opossums and fawns. Other volunteer opportunities for those not interested in animal care include helping with fundraising, cage building and shopping for food and supplies. Volunteers are needed 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Those attending the orientation pay a \$20 fee to cover the manual and a t-shirt. Minimum age is 15 or as young as 12 if accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information contact: Charli Taylor at 323-1313 or volunteer@wildcareinc.org (www.wildcareinc.org).

IU Art Museum Visitor Services

You can be the smiling face to greet patrons at the **IU Art Museum**! Visitor Services volunteers greet patrons from the information desk in the lobby and hand out free tickets to enter the galleries. Volunteers are needed for 2-3 hour shift Tuesdays- Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Sundays between noon and 5 p.m. Customer service skills are necessary. Minimum age is 18. For more information contact: Emily Powell at 855-8978 or empowell@indiana.edu (www.artmuseum.iu.edu).

Wylie House Garden Volunteer

Experienced or beginning gardeners interested in learning about heirloom gardening and seed saving are needed to volunteer on a regular basis in the **Wylie House** garden under the direction of the Outdoor Interpreter. Weed, water, harvest, clean and package seeds and enjoy the outdoors while you're at it! Minimum age is 18. For more information contact: Sherry Wise at 855-6224 or sbrunoeh@indiana.edu (www.indiana.edu/~libwylie).

T.C. Steele Youth Programs and Events

Do you enjoy working with children? The **T.C. Steele State Historic Site** is increasing its year-round programming for youth of all ages. Volunteer to help with a school group, summer day camp or special event. Volunteers will help to make each activity or program a success. Volunteers are now being recruited to help with Camp Steele held July 11, 18, 25, and August 1st from 9-1 p.m. Minimum age is 18. For more information contact: Christine Atkinson at 812-988-2785 or tcsteele@bloomington.in.us (www.tcsteele.org).

Solid Waste District Citizen Advisory Committee

The **Monroe County Solid Waste Management District's** Board of Directors is seeking a few community members interested in environmental issues to serve on its Citizens Advisory Committee. The group advises the board on program policy and budget issues, meets once a month and is made up of environmentalists, industry representatives and citizens with an interest in waste management issues. Citizens from Bloomington, Kirksville, Harrodsburg, Smithville, Unionville and other areas in Monroe County are encouraged to serve. Minimum age is 18. For more information contact: Elisa Pokral at 349-2020 or epokral@mcswwmd.org (www.mcswwmd.org).

Community Wish List – Grant a wish for this community organization!

Monroe County Humane Association The mission of the Monroe County Humane Association is to responsibly and compassionately lead, advocate and educate for animal welfare in our communities. To grant a wish for this organization contact Kristie Charles at 333-6242 or helpthem@bluemarble.net (www.monroehumane.org).

Wishes: blankets, towels, sheets, comforters, cat & dog toys and treats, dog, puppy, cat, kitten food (Purina or better, dry, no dyes), non-clumping cat litter

Contact these organizations directly to volunteer for any of these positions, and tell them you heard about it through the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network!

These are just a few of the opportunities available through the Bloomington Volunteer Network, a program of the City. For a complete listing of the 200+ ongoing opportunities in the Bloomington area, visit www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433....and **VOLUNTEER BLOOMINGTON!**

Retired and senior citizens may also wish to contact RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) at 876-3383.

IU students may wish to call Colleen Rose, Coordinator of Civic Engagement at 855-4311.

Ivy Tech - Bloomington students may wish to call the Office of Student Life at 330-6333.

The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

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Contact volunteer@bloomington.in.gov or 349-3433